

extending an invitation by a first party to at least one second party for physically positioning themselves at said location in close proximity to the positioned rug;

initiating a discussion corresponding to the script by the first party at said location, and engaging the second party in a discourse that relates to the conflict from the perspective of the first party; and

continuing the discussion according to the script, with each of the remaining parties speaking in sequence each of the plurality of phrases together with respective additional discourse that relates to the conflict from the perspective of the speaking party, while the parties remain at the location, to encourage respectful and safe behavior.

11. (Twice Amended) A method for enabling a conflict resolution process to be conducted by two or more parties in mutual conflict who have positioned themselves in proximity to a conflict resolution area, said two or more parties having been pre-instructed as to a script and a set of instructions to be followed in connection with said script, the method comprising:

speaking by one of the two or more parties to another of the two or more parties a set of statements according to the script and the set of instructions; and

repeating said speaking by each remaining party of the two or more parties until all parties have spoken while remaining in proximity to the conflict resolution area to encourage respectful and safe behavior;

wherein said conflict resolution area is a specific location identified by the two or more parties as a conflict resolution area defined by a rug or a sheet about which the parties position themselves.

Please add new claims 20-24:

20. (New) A method for enabling a conflict resolution among two or more parties, comprising:

providing a script to be spoken by at least one of the two or more parties, the script including a plurality of phrases, each phrase corresponding to the beginning of a respective statement;

positioning a sheet at a location for the two or more parties to physically position themselves with respect to the sheet for engaging in a discussion;

extending an invitation by a first party to at least one second party for physically positioning themselves at said location in close proximity to the positioned sheet;

initiating a discussion corresponding to the script by the first party at said location, and engaging the second party in a discourse that relates to the conflict from the perspective of the first party; and

continuing the discussion according to the script, with each of the remaining parties speaking in sequence each of the plurality of phrases together with respective additional discourse that relates to the conflict from the perspective of the speaking party, while the parties remain at the location, to encourage respectful and safe behavior.

21. (New) A method for enabling a conflict resolution among two or more organizations, each organization being represented by a respective speaker, comprising:

providing a script to be spoken by at least one of the two or more speakers, the script including a plurality of phrases, each phrase corresponding to the beginning of a respective statement;

positioning a portable object at a location for the two or more speakers to physically position themselves with respect to the portable object for engaging in a discussion;

extending an invitation by a first organization to at least one second organization for physically positioning themselves at said location in close proximity to the positioned portable object;

initiating a discussion corresponding to the script by the first speaker at said location, and engaging the second speaker in a discourse that relates to the conflict from the perspective of the first organization; and

continuing the discussion according to the script, with each of the remaining speakers speaking in sequence each of the plurality of phrases together with respective additional discourse that relates to the conflict from the perspective of the speaking organization, while the speakers remain at the location, to encourage respectful and safe behavior.

22. (New) The method as set forth in Claim 21, further comprising developing a plan accomplished by mutual encouragement to further discuss the conflict and to explore how the two or more organizations could attain improved inter-party relations.

23. (New) The method as set forth in Claim 22, wherein said discussion includes articulating a mutually agreeable plan for achieving said improved inter-party relations.

24. (New) A method for enabling a conflict resolution process to be conducted by two or more organizations in mutual conflict, each organization being represented by a respective speaker, wherein the speakers have positioned themselves in proximity to a conflict resolution area, said two or more speakers having been pre-instructed as to a script and a set of instructions to be followed in connection with said script, the method comprising:

speaking by one of the two or more speakers to another of the two or more speakers a set of statements according to the script and the set of instructions; and repeating said speaking by each remaining speaker of the two or more organizations until all speakers have spoken while remaining in proximity to the conflict resolution area to encourage respectful and safe behavior.

25. (New) The method as set forth in Claim 24, further comprising developing a plan accomplished by mutual encouragement to further discuss the conflict and to explore how the two or more organizations could attain improved inter-party relations.

26. (New) The method as set forth in Claim 24, wherein said discussion includes articulating a mutually agreeable plan for achieving said improved inter-party relations.